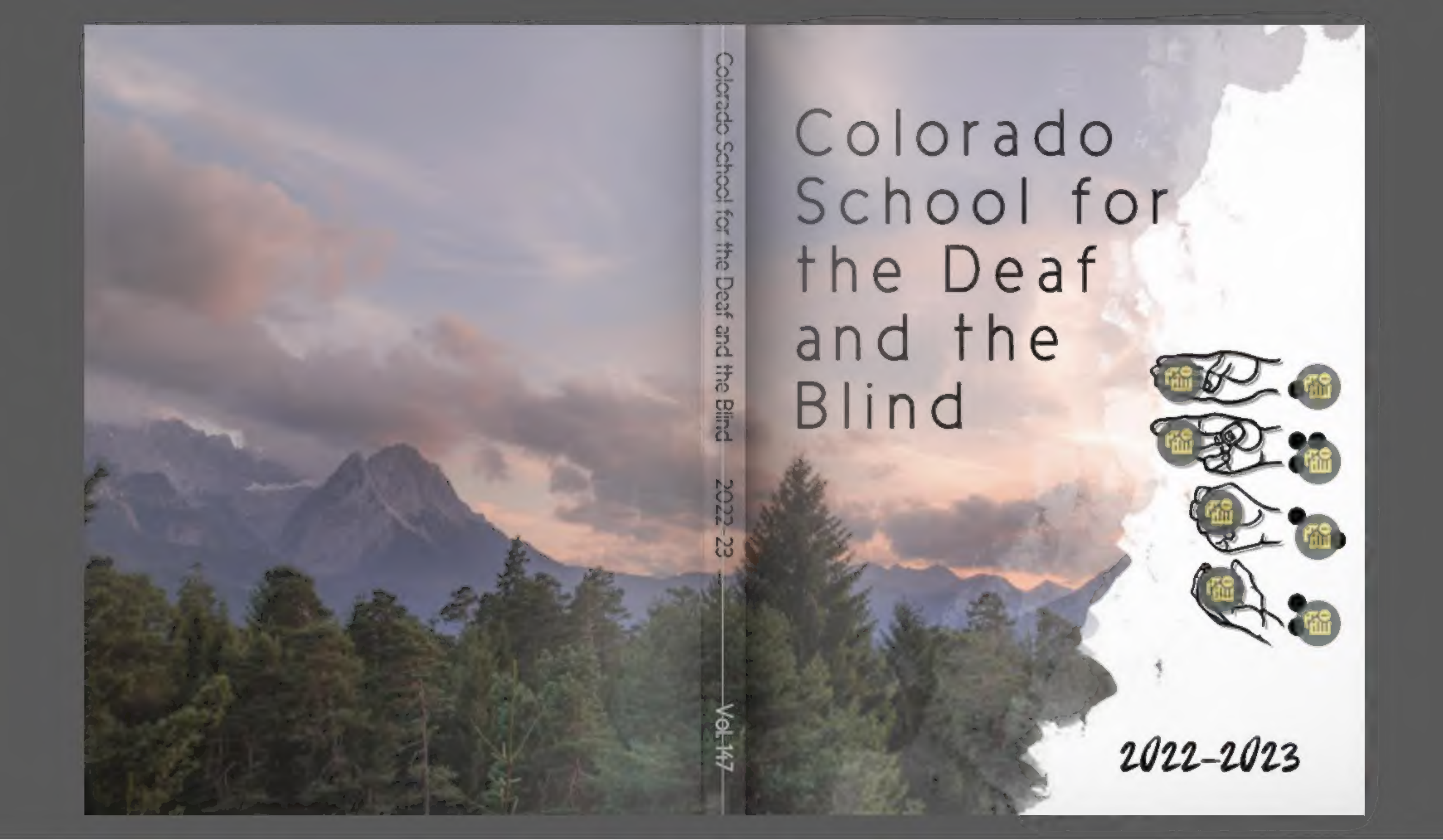

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Board of Trustees



Administration

Interim Superintendent
Tera Spangler

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Kathy Emter

Interim Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment and Preschool Director
Jennifer Thompson

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Director of Student Life
Anthony Thomas





PEOPLE OF CSDB





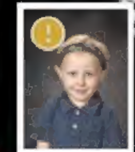


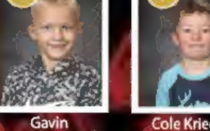
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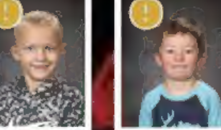

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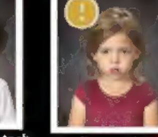

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Nolan Detter


Jacob Fulton


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William Mackintosh


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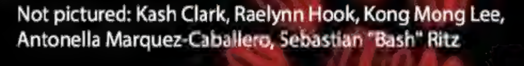



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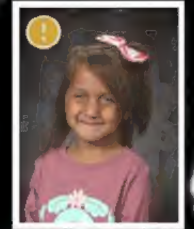
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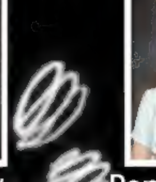

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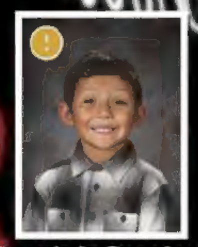
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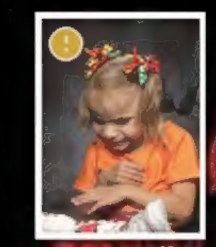



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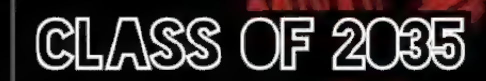



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Dominic Ramirez


Joyanna Williams

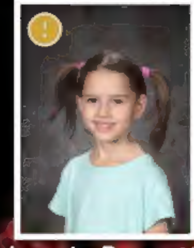
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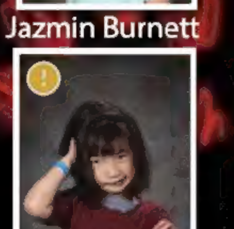




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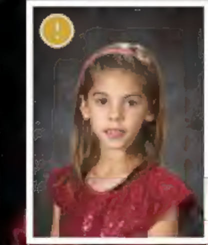

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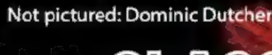

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Jeremiah Carter


Candor Dorsey-Lee


Mason Kosmata


Isabella Moothart


Not pictured: Dominic Dutcher

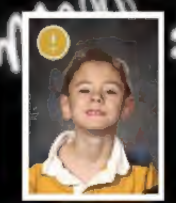



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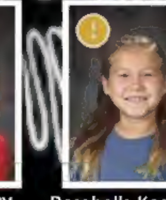
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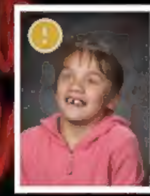

Lilly Castellano


Maximilian Halvorson


Artimis Kinsley


Rosabella Kosmata


Matthew Lohrenz


Makenzie Moreno


Delilah Romero


Reyanne Yzaguirre-Ibarra


Not pictured: Alina Montero


CLASS OF 2033


3RD GRADE
Reagan Imm
Adelina Riley
Brenda Rodriguez
Elijah Stiles
Hannah Sutcliffe
Valentina Talamantes
CLASS OF 2032
4TH GRADE
Arlayna Burrows
Melsie Enriquez
Yuliana Flores
Ema Morales
Aubrianna Pinon
Areli Rivera-Vazquez
Bentley Salzman
CLASS OF 2031


5TH GRADE
Zia Baca
Anthony Borman
Lilah "Ellie" Casillas
Tristan Hoffman
Easton Huffman
Ayden Jefferson
Zachary Moore
Walter Norton
Vincent Radke
Harmonnie Rivas
Lorenzo Santos
Layla Sims
Yolanda Sotello
Cherish Talamantes
Not pictured: Laura Ford, Davarian Jones
CLASS OF 2030
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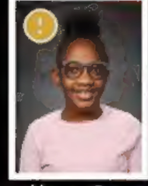
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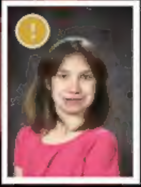

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Dustin Dew

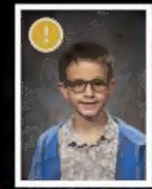

Tennille Espinoza


Angelo Kiefer


Brooklynne Santana


Gracie Webber


Emersyn Yowell


Stephen Zylstra


Not pictured: Noah Martin, Jericho Talamantes



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7TH GRADE


Alissa Bird


Dania Enriquez


Noah Falcon


Raquel Gurule

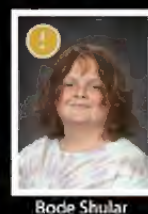

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Santiago Mares-Castro

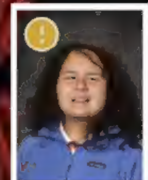

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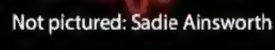

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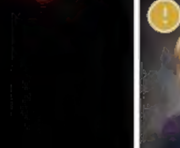

Rose Rimsky


Bode Shular


Angelo Talamantes

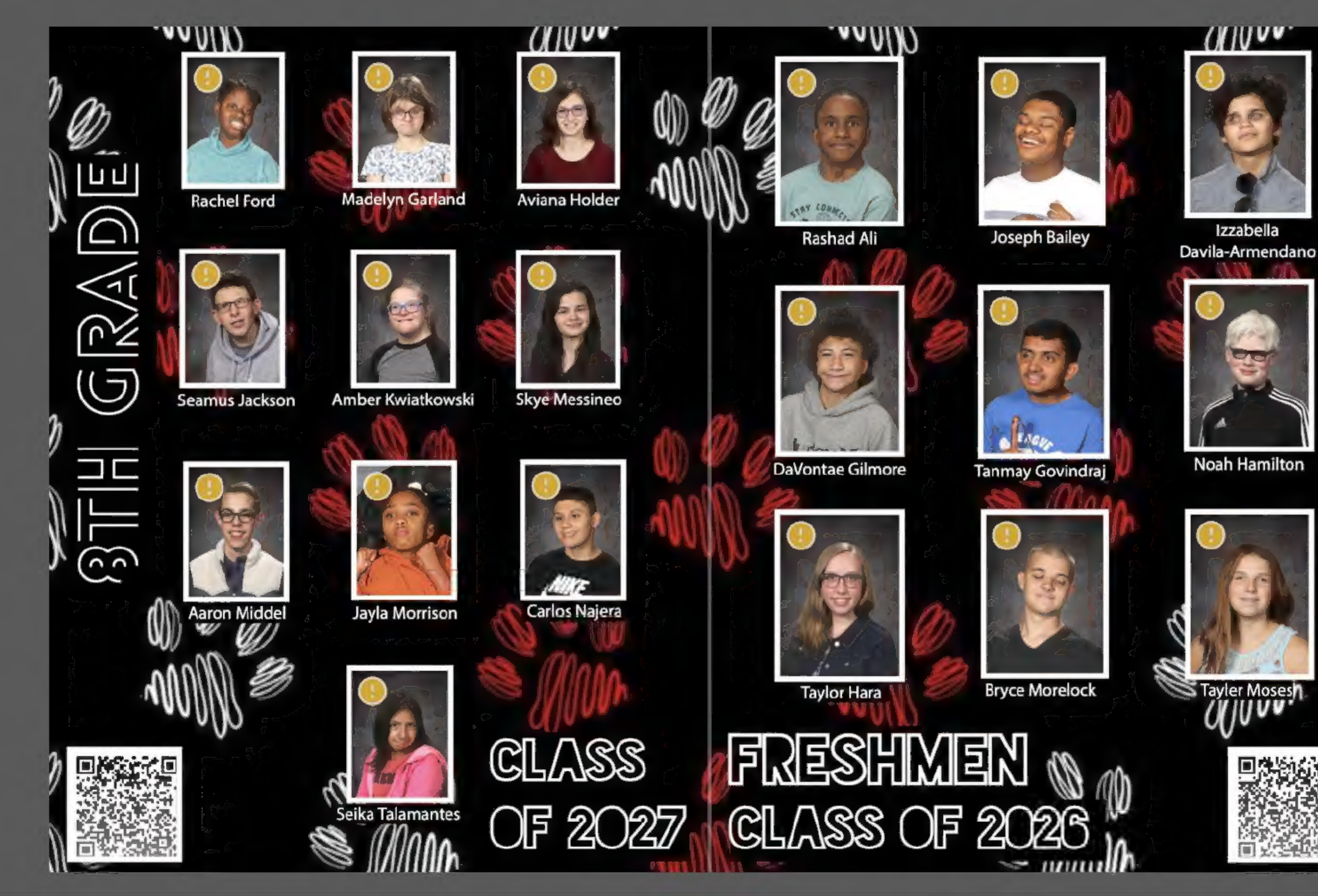

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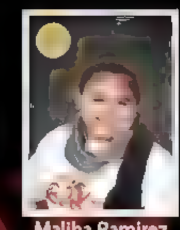
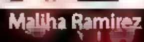

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Kaliska-Ann Wedlock



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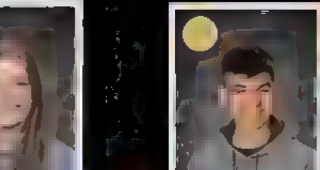
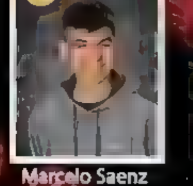

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Madelyn Garland
Aviana Holder
Seamus Jackson
Amber Kwiatkowski
Skye Messineo
Aaron Middel
Jayla Morrison
Carlos Najera
Seika Talamantes
CLASS OF 2027
Rashad Ali
Joseph Bailey
Izzabella Davila-Armendano
DaVontae Gilmore
Tanmay Govindraj
Noah Hamilton
Taylor Hara
Bryce Morelock
Tayler Moses
FRESHMEN CLASS OF 2026

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Kyndra Phillips

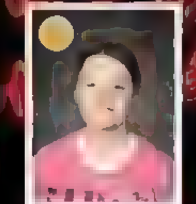
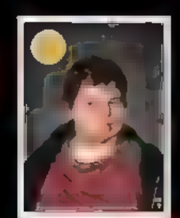
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Cheyenne Read

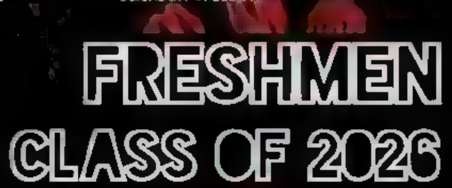
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Shiloh Sandager

Amaya Tellers

Jacksun Wesson

FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2026



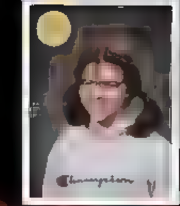


Joshtav Avila

Matthew Bynes

Marisol Corros-Pitalua



Michael Coulter, Jr.

Chloe Cummings

Zeandra Gallegos



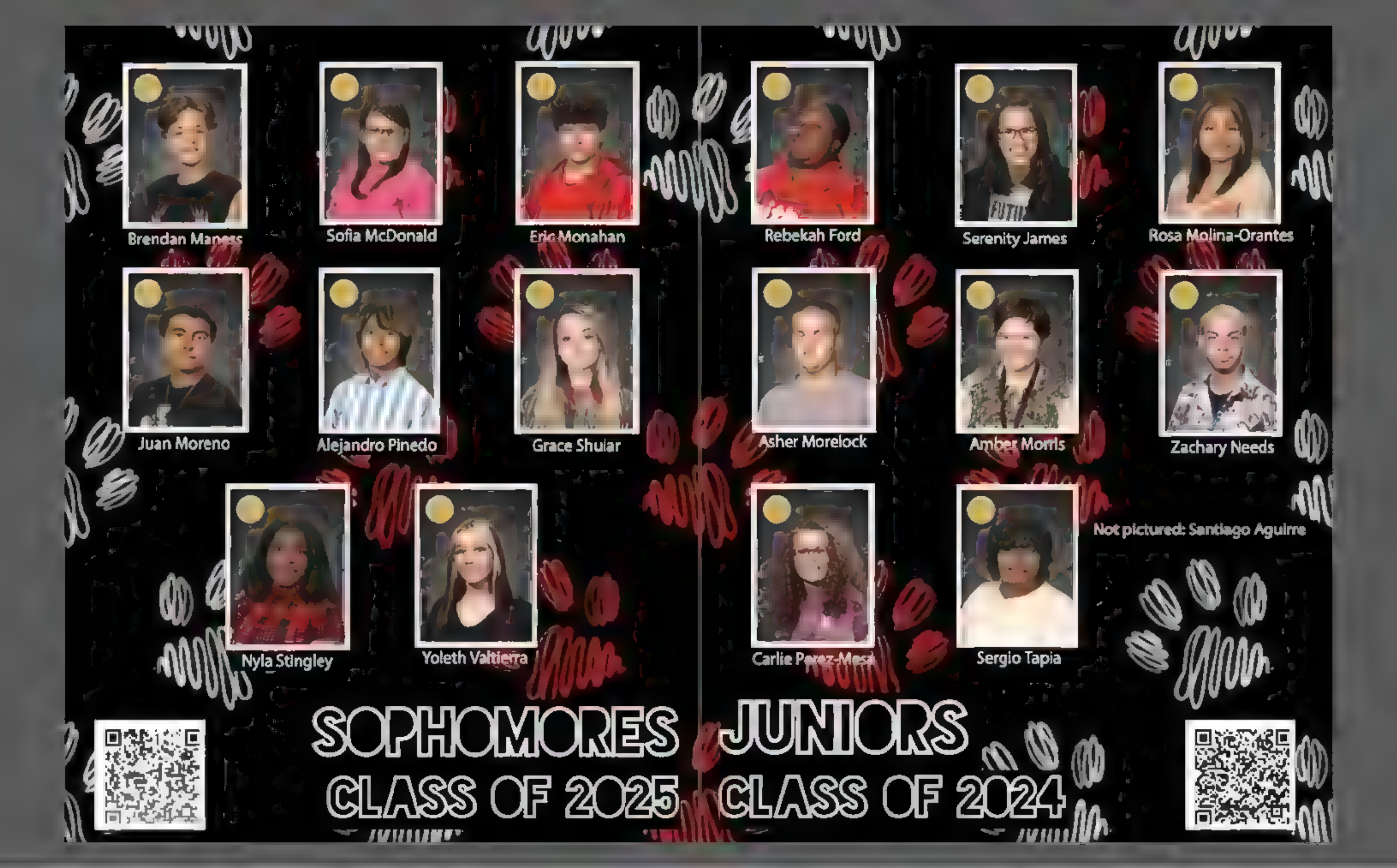
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Jathan Luna

SOPHOMORES

CLASS OF 2025

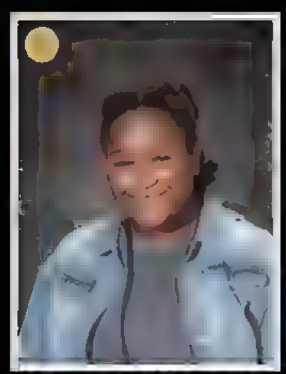



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Sofia McDonald
Eric Monahan
Rebekah Ford
Serenity James
Rosa Molina-Orantes
Juan Moreno
Alejandro Pinedo
Grace Shular
Asher Morelock
Amber Morris
Zachary Needs
Nyla Stingley
Yoleth Valtierra
Carlie Perez-Mesa
Sergio Tapia
Not pictured: Santiago Aguirre
SOPHOMORES
CLASS OF 2025
JUNIORS
CLASS OF 2024


Jamie Cajumban

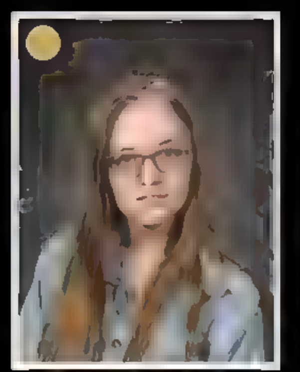

Issac Chandler

Mariah Gonzales


Shamaree Hampton



SENIORS


Daisy Martin


Evelin Ronquillo-Flores


Nasir Ghorban-Shah


Skyla Walsh




JAMIE CAJUMBAN
ISSAC CHANDLER
Jamie,
Congratulations for being named Salutatorian! We've always known how smart and hard working you are. We couldn't be prouder of all that you've achieved and will achieve in the future. Watching you succeed is our greatest accomplishment.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Killian
Issac,
The sky is the limit!
- Love, Mom
SENIORS CLASS OF 2023

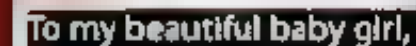
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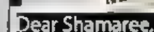




To my beautiful baby girl,
The day you were born my life changed forever. It's been a journey the past 18 years. Through good and bad times, we have grown together. I want you to know how proud I am of you and so is our whole family. I know your guardian angels (Gabby and Grandpa Dave) are smiling down so big at you right now. As you continue into your next chapter, always remember you can do anything you put your mind to. You are smart, beautiful, and talented. Never forget that! I love you. Mom



SHAMAREE HAMPTON



Dear Shamaree,
We couldn't be prouder of the young lady you have grown into. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for you! You are smart, funny, and loving. You have all the qualities the world needs more of. We know you're going to do great things! We are here to cheer you on the whole way! Congratulations on graduating. We love you!
Love always,
Oma, Mom and all your family and friends



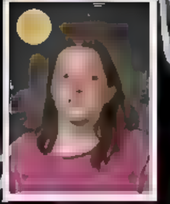


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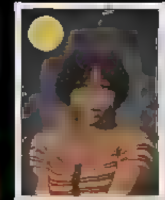
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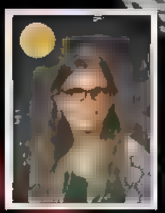

DAISY MARTIN
SKYLA WALSH
An Irish Blessing.
"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sunshine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."
Love Dad and Mom
Daisy-
I am honored to have watched you become a wonderful and kind lady. I am very proud of you as you have accomplished so much here at CSDB. Let the future be a successful and wonderful journey for you after you graduate from CSDB.
- Allison Sambrook
SENIORS
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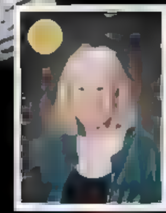
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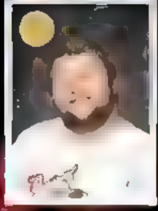

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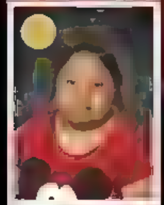

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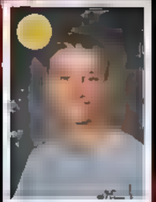

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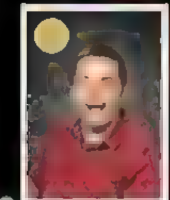

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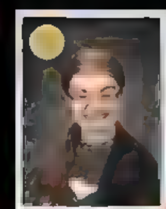

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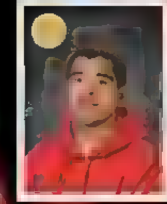

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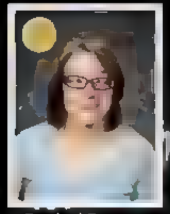

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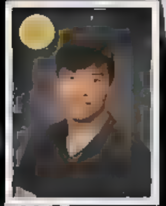

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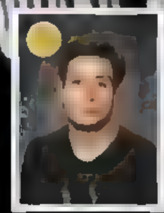

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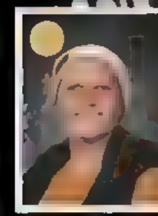

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Rachel Parrott

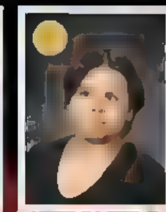

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Jose Ruiz-Barraza

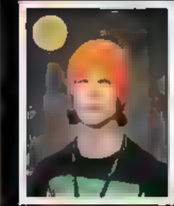

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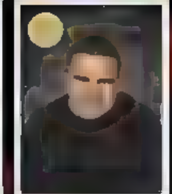

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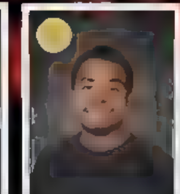

Wisdom Snare


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Caylee Thompson


Daniel Tillits


Chayanne Toga-Trujillo


Greg Vasquez





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Sherri Anderson
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Emma Avery
William Baker
Nancy Barron
Branden Bernal
Kyle Berns
Joseph Bloom
Pamela Bloom
Michelle Botte
Angie Brown
Ian Brander
Eric Bruckman
Jeanette Burciago
Rebecca Bussert
CSDB STAFF
Shannon Carter
Serena Chee
Heather Chrisman
Christina Cortes
Aaron Crow
Christine DaLee
Mitchell Decker
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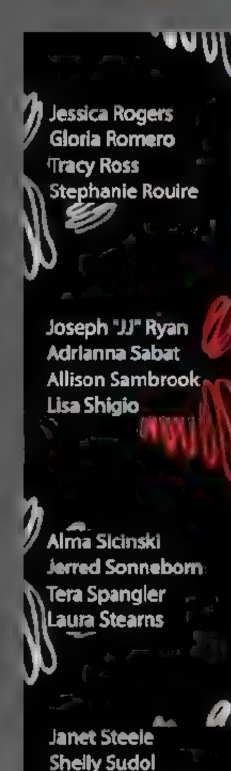
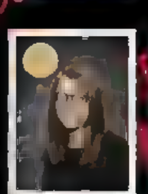
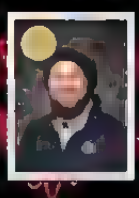
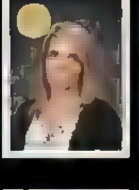
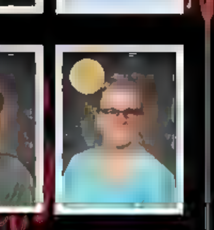

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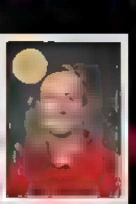
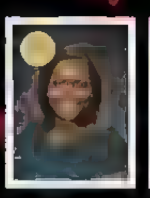
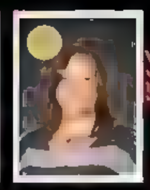
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Tim Elstad, Jon Vigne, and Christa Young hold up a "Bulldogs Strong Together" banner in the Argo cafeteria.

Not pictured:
Nick Catalano
Kathy Emter
Andrew Millican
Anthony Thomas
Jennifer Thompson
Justin Wilson





ATHLETICS

















Special Olympics Basketball





Team Roster:

Gracie Webber, Caylee Thompson, Walter Norton, Jonathan Goldfinger, Jacksun Wesson, Madelyn Garland, Carlie Perez-Mesa, Aviana Holder, Yesbi Tapia Guerra, Rachael Parrott, Jose Ruiz Barraza – student volunteer assistant

Jessica Rawlins - Coach, Shanna Lovato - Coach



Athletes enjoyed a fun season, filled with scrimmages with another local Special Olympics team. Athletes practiced skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. All improved tremendously throughout the season. Our Special Olympics athletes really enjoyed having the staff & students come and cheer them on this season. Thanks Bulldogs! Go All Stars!







Flag Football















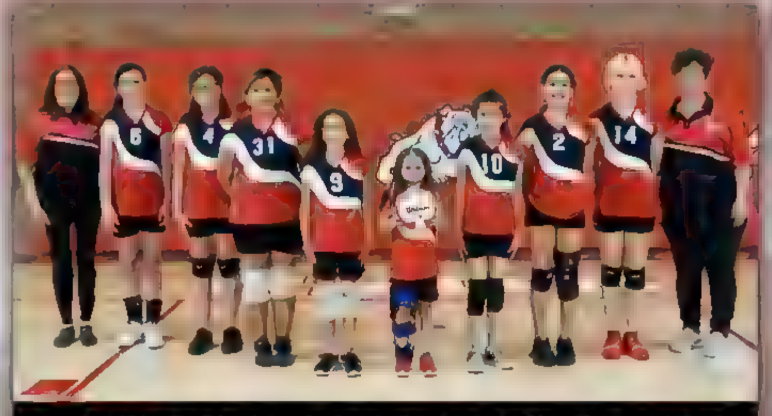


From left to right: Coach Julie Walker, Manager Serenity James, Yoleth Valtierra, Rosa Molina-Orantes, Shiloh Sandager, Mariah Gonzales, Marisol Corros-Pitalua, Nyla Stingley, Grace Shular, Coach Myranda Zigler





HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



From left to right: Coach Janet Steele, Skye Messineo, Alissa Bird, Yoli Sotello, Melsie Enriquez, Zia Baca, Harmonnie Rivas, Dania Enriquez, Kaliska Wedlock, Coach Tracy Ross

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



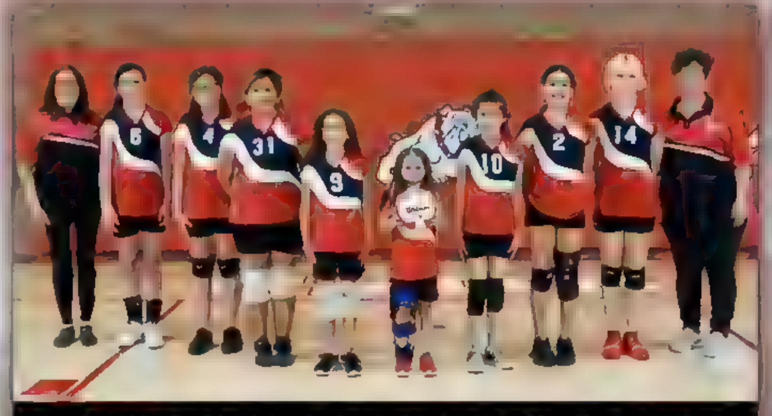


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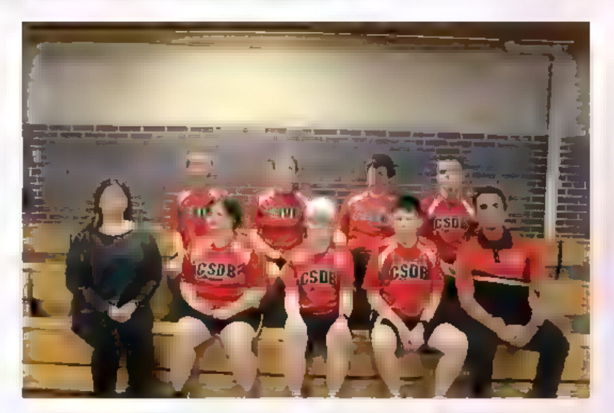
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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL




Middle school
VOLLEYBALL
High school
ASL Video
This year was amazing! I am so honored to be their coach. They did an awesome job & showed such improvement! I truly enjoyed watching how this team has grown this year compared to last year. They just showed so much improvement & I can really tell that they will continue to grow & improve more. It's not just the players skills, but also as their growth as individuals. I feel honored to be their coach and enjoyed this year. -Coach Z

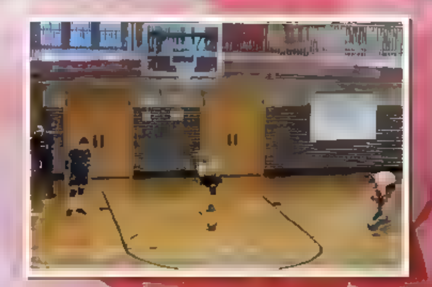
GoalBall



Back row left to right: Kelton Mudge, Tayler Moses, Jacksun Wesson, Asher Morelock

Front row left to right: Coach Amanda Padilla, Amber Morris, Noah Hamilton, Seamus Jackson, Coach Brandon







The Goalball team practiced and played for an extended season this school year. They attended tournaments in Texas, New Mexico, and competed in the Homecoming games. The Goalball team made an amazing effort at every competition and showed pride for themselves and each other.









HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL





From left to right: Coach Ally Marcino, Rosa Molina-Orantes (11), Marisol C[illegible]-Pitalua (10), Grace Shular (10), Nyla Stingley [illegible], Shiloh Sandager (9), Mariah Gonzales (12), Assistant Coach Myranda Zigler

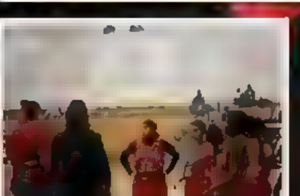
From Left to Right: Rashad Ali (9), Jathan Luna (10), Alejandro Pineda (10), Santiago Aguirre [illegible], Coach Rich Williams, Juan Moreno (10), Joshtav Avila (10), Sergio Tapia (11), Brendan Maness (10)





Girl's Basketball








Coach has a discussion with the team!

I am very honored to be the Assistant Basketball Coach for the this year's girls team. I really noticed that these ladies rolled up their sleeves & worked hard. This basketball season was a very long season; we had different situations arise & this team never gave up - they persevered, they worked hard as a team. The team showed up on a daily basis & they never stopped the team from playing. I am very proud of this team!

-Coach Z




run!

ASL Video



Boy's Basketball






Coach has a discussion with the team!











Middle School Basketball

We had 3 wins this year. We had an incredible team because of their developing skills & their understanding in how to play basketball. They had positive attitudes and just a lot of excitement to be a part of the bulldog team. We are really excited for next year's season as I think we will have many more wins. It was lots of fun for our school and our bulldog athletic team, so let's come and support everybody next year!

Girls Team:

Zia Baca
Alissa Bird
Dania Enriquez
Melsie Enriquez
Yuliana Flores
Harmonnie Rivas
Yolanda Sotello
Cherish Talamantes











Boys Team:
Dustin Dew, Noah Falcon, Angelo Kiefer, Santiago Mares, Zachary Moore, Vincent Radke, Bentley Salzman, AJ Serrato (Outsider), Bode Shular, Angelo Talamantes



This season was highlighted by much improvement individually and as a team. Everyone persevered and displayed a positive attitude through the ups and downs, continuing to have fun throughout the entire season. Returning players embraced new and young players with open arms and served as amazing mentors to them who were also great learners. Both coaches had a blast with this group of boys and have nothing but celebrations to share. We cannot wait for next season!





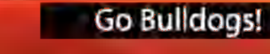
Peewee





PeeWee basketball gives our elementary students the opportunity to begin learning the basics of basketball & teamwork, while having some fun on the court!





Go Bulldogs!









Go Bentley!



Coach has a discussion with the team!





Run!















GIRLS ON THE RUN











Girls On the Run meets mid-September through mid-November each school year. The goal of the program is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, & confident using a fun experienced based curriculum which creatively integrates running. While learning friendship & coping skills, girls are increasing their fitness level to run a 5K together with coaches & family members as the final achievement of the season.







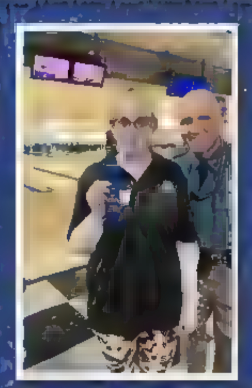
Special Olympics Bowling



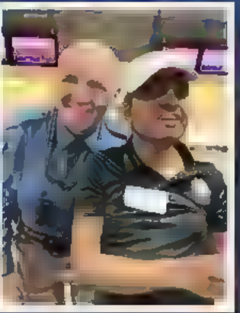
From left to right: Coach Jessica Rawlins, Jose Gutierrez, Gracie Webber, Aaron Middel, Caylee Thompson, Walter Norton, Jonathan Goldfinger, Tanmay Govindraj, Kayla Biehl, Jasmine Drummond, Jacksun Wesson, Madelyn Garland, Aviana Magadaleno, Coach Shanna Lovato

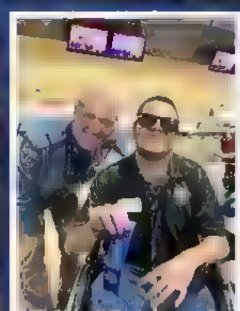
















CSDB took 4 students to the Regionals this year and they all placed 1st! We practiced Mondays & Wednesdays to prepare for Regionals. Congratulations to our Special Olympics Bowling Team!!



Special Olympics Track and Field

Team Roster:
Carlie Perez - Mesa, Jackson Wesson, Caylee Thompson, Gracie Webber, Madelyn Garland, Jonathan Goldfinger, Yesbi Tapia Guerra, Walter Norton, Rachael Parrott
Jessica Rawlins – Coach
Shanna Lovato – Coach









Our students hit the ground running, throwing, and jumping this track season! Our Special Olympics Track and Field team looks forward to competing at this year's Regional Competition held at Fort Carson.
We would like to send a special thank you to Amanda Padilla for all her help with Special Olympics this year!

Goalball Texas Trip

Our Goalball Team had the opportunity to go to Texas to play. While there, they were able to play multiple games as well as be a part of their Sports Extravaganza. They took part in a softball throw, long jump, and archery.





SPECIAL EVENTS

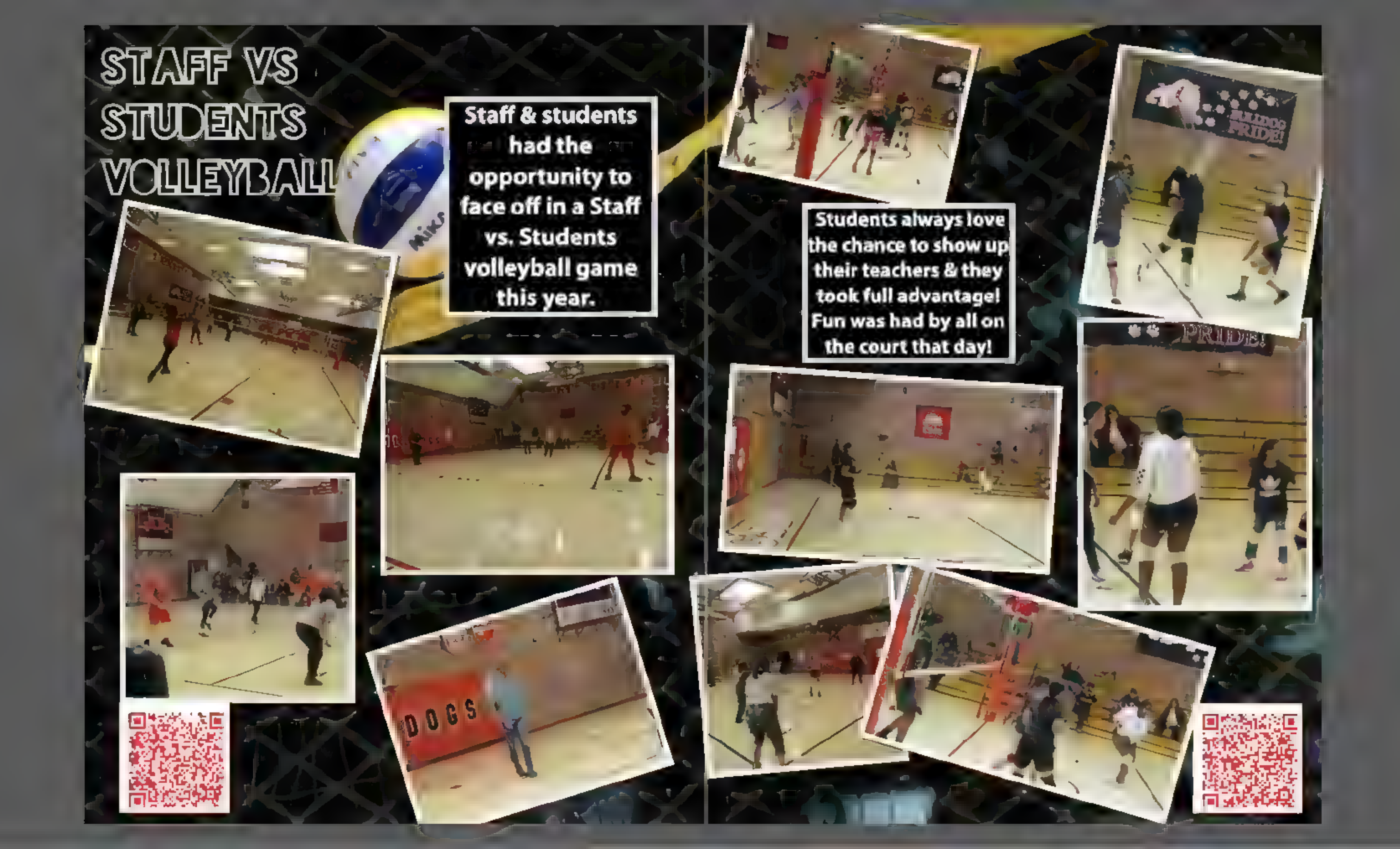






North Pole trip

The North Pole - Santa's Workshop in Colorado Springs invited our students to come enjoy a day of fun at their amusement park. Both the Blind and Deaf Schools spent a day at the park where they had the whole park to themselves. CSDB would like to send a huge thank you to The North Pole for allowing our students to enjoy a fabulous day at their park!


STAFF VS STUDENTS VOLLEYBALL
Staff & students had the opportunity to face off in a Staff vs. Students volleyball game this year.
Students always love the chance to show up their teachers & they took full advantage! Fun was had by all on the court that day!
BULLDOG PRIDE!
PRIDE!
DOGS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

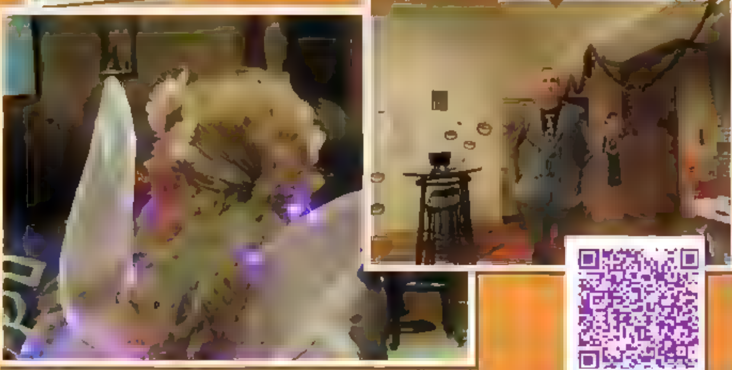
On October 31st, the spooky night, we had a Halloween Party in the Bulldog Activity Center. We dressed up as different characters and enjoyed the treats and games.



At the BAC Halloween party, students also played musical chairs, bear hugs, and other games. What a great night!







Roadrunner Basketball Classic


Defense!






Congratulation!






Run!








Shoot!

Smile!


1 Point!









ACADEMIC BOWL

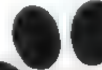


Students from left to right: Mikey Coulter, Rashad Ali, Mariah Gonzales, Grace Shular
Coaches: Amy Baker and Max Wilding







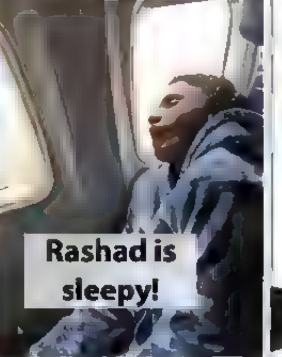






















Student Body Government

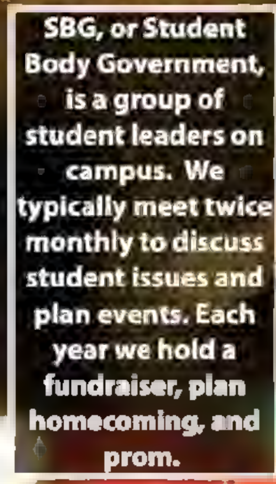


Top row: Darrell Shular, Laura Stearns
Second row: Andre Tapia (11), Rashad Ali (9) Yoleth Valtierra (10)
Third row: Amber Morris (11), Mariah Gonzales (12), Shamaree Hampton (12), Tayler Moses (9)
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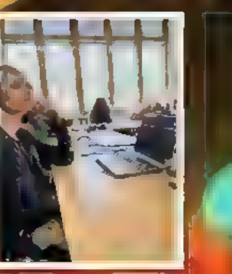






SBG, or Student Body Government, is a group of student leaders on campus. We typically meet twice monthly to discuss student issues and plan events. Each year we hold a fundraiser, plan homecoming, and prom.



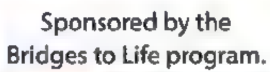




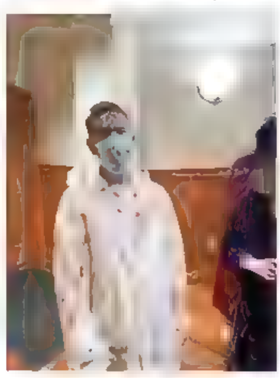




HAUNTED HOUSE



Sponsored by the Bridges to Life program.





The Bridges to Life students worked numerous hours building sets & decorations for the 2022 Haunted House. They strived to make the event fun for all ages and varying disabilities, incorporating tactile and interactive areas throughout the haunted house. Our older students enjoyed "scaring" and entertaining the younger kids on campus. This is an event our residential BtL program looks forward to every year.

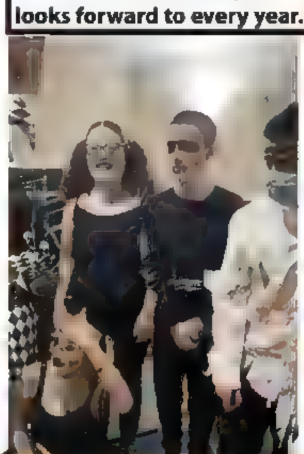
















Spirit Week















Spirit Week leading up to our Homecoming games was a blast this year! Students got to dress up and participate in fun contests during lunch & a pep rally.

Tuesday: Face the Cookie
Wednesday: Chocolate Unicorn
Thursday: Pie Eating
Friday: afternoon pep rally









This year, Spirit Week consisted of four dress up days:

Tuesday: Superhero Day
Wednesday: Crazy Hat Day
Thursday: Diamond Day (Dress in colors of our dance theme blue, white, silver)









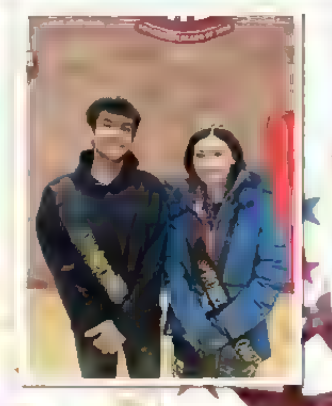
HOMECOMING BASKETBALL







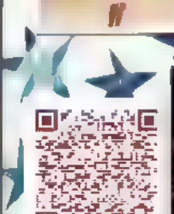


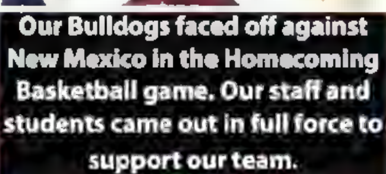












Our Bulldogs faced off against New Mexico in the Homecoming Basketball game. Our staff and students came out in full force to support our team.







Homecoming GoalBall





The Braille Challenge is the only academic competition of its kind held each year for students who are blind or visually impaired. The goal of the challenge is to motivate students to practice and hone their braille literacy skills.











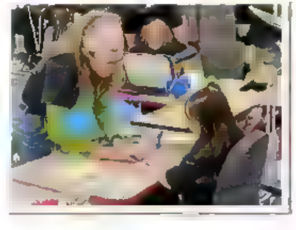




BRAiLLE CHALLENGE











<u>This year's 1st place winners at each level were:</u>

Young Apprentice - Rose Rimsky
Apprentice - Jaden Morris
Freshman - Issac Chandler
Sophomores - Laura Ford
Junior Varsity - Jacksun Wesson
Varsity - Mikayla Hernandez





White Cane Day











President Lindon B. Johnson proclaimed in 1964, that every October 15th be celebrated as White Cane Safety Day. Every year on this day we celebrate the white cane as a symbol for blindness and as a tool for independence as well as the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired.









This is also a day where we emphasize White Cane Law, which varies by state. Students, staff, families, and stakeholders from CSDB celebrated White Cane Day at Acacia Park in downtown Colorado Springs, where we heard from guests speakers and a performance by the Bulldog Band.






Oh snap!
You're on
candid
camera!

Special Olympics visit the Nuggets...





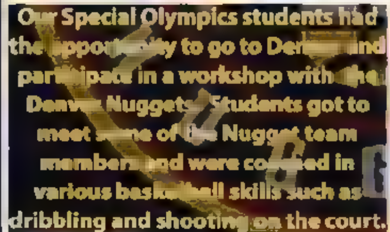












Our Special Olympics students had the opportunity to go to Denver and participate in a workshop with the Denver Nuggets. Students got to meet some of the Nugget team members and were coached in various basketball skills such as dribbling and shooting on the court.



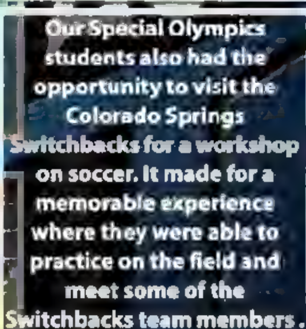


...and the Switchbacks!









Our Special Olympics students also had the opportunity to visit the Colorado Springs Switchbacks for a workshop on soccer. It made for a memorable experience where they were able to practice on the field and meet some of the Switchbacks team members.



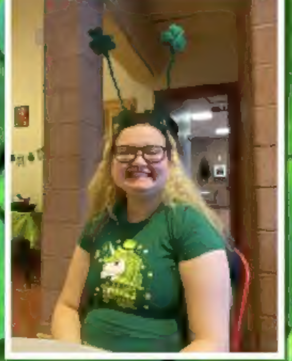

staff vs students basketball
Members of our staff faced off against some of our deaf school students in a friendly game of basketball. Fun was had by all...regardless of who won!



We are going on a trip to Iowa!
Coach has a discussion with the team!
Marisol passed the ball to Grace.
Shiloh passed the ball to Nyla.
The boys' and girls' teams went to play at Iowa School for the Deaf in January. In February, the girls' team was invited back to participate in the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament!
CSDB BASKETBALL VISITS IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

St Patrick's Day

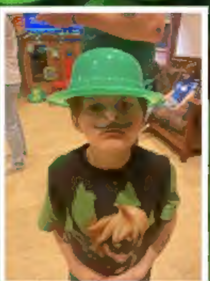






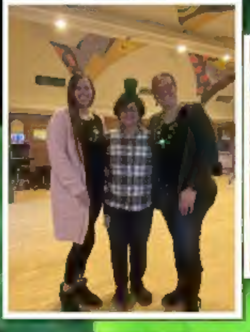
Wear Green! We all got together at the BAC dressing in green, listening to music, eating green cookies, drinking green punch, and playing different games. Everyone enjoyed St. Patrick's Day!

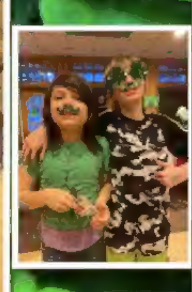












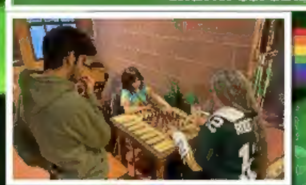






One game that the students' loved was where a student had a bowl of lucky charm cereal & they needed to scoop up a marshmallow in a spoon and carry it to another bowl across the room. The student with the most marshmallows won. The prize for winning the games was getting the lucky charm cereals!







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On to 2023-24!



Forever Bulldogs Stronger Together!

